

Remarks

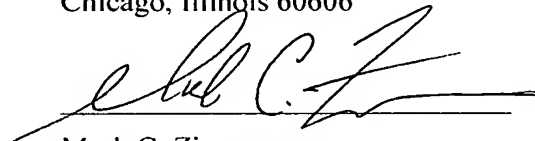
Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office action dated May 12, 2005, in which the claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Noble (US 6,319,333 B1). Additionally, the Office action indicated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By way of the foregoing, paragraph [0009] has been amended to correct a grammatical error and the recitations of claim 3 have been incorporated into claim 2. Additionally, claims 1 and 3 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 5 has also been amended to address a minor grammatical error.

It is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof are respectfully requested. If there is any matter that the examiner would like to discuss, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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